

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF IRVINGTON, NEW YORK HELD ON TUESDAY JANUARY 21, 2003 AT 8:00 P.M. VILLAGE HALL, 85 MAIN STREET, IRVINGTON, NEW YORK.

Present: Dennis P. Flood, Mayor
Garrard R. Beeney, Trustee
Peter Derby, Trustee
Isabel B. Milano, Trustee
Stephen A. McCabe, Village Administrator
Donald P. Marra, Deputy Administrator
Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer
Lino J. Sciarretta, Village Attorney's Office

Mayor Flood called the meeting to order. Trustee Beeney made a motion for the Board to adjourn to executive session to take up legal and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Milano and unanimously approved.

Upon reconvening after executive session, the regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Flood who led the attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Flood opened the floor to public comment on matters not contained on the agenda of the regular meeting. There were no comments from those in attendance.

Mayor Flood read correspondence from Ardsley Country Club regarding the Comprehensive Plan. A copy of this correspondence is attached to these minutes.

Trustee Beeney made a motion to appoint Najib Budeiri as chair of the Architectural Review Board. Trustee Milano seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Prior to a presentation of the proposed basketball court at Scenic Hudson Park, Joel Fisher spoke regarding the fund raising efforts on behalf of Bob Speisman. The presentation was made by Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Joseph Archino.

Deputy Administrator Donald Marra provided some background on the speed monitoring trailer grant award. Trustee Beeney then made a motion to approve the contract between the New York State Department of State and the Village of Irvington for \$15,000 to be provided for the purchase of the speed monitoring trailer and to authorize Village Administrator Stephen McCabe to execute said contract. Trustee Milano seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood appointed Lisa Dente, Diane Mundree and Alayne Katz to the Community Advisory Board.

Deputy Administrator Donald Marra provided some background on the supplemental contract with Edward M. Weinstein for architectural services for modifications to the Kayak/Canoe Launch Ramp at Scenic Hudson Park. The supplemental contract is in the amount of \$1,500. After some discussion, Trustee Milano made a motion to approve the contract and to authorize Village Administrator Stephen McCabe to execute said contract. Trustee Derby seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Flood opened a public hearing to consider a resolution to increase the Senior Citizens property tax exemption income limit levels. Clerk-Treasurer Lawrence Schopfer provided some background on the proposed resolution. After some discussion, Trustee Milano made a motion to close the public hearing. Trustee Beeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Trustee Derby then made a motion to adopt the resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Irvington had adopted resolutions in past years with respect to tax abatements of real property taxes in accordance with enabling legislation enacted by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in the 2002 regular session of the legislature Chapter 202 was enacted, increasing the maximum eligible amount for tax abatements for senior citizens, which legislation requires any municipality who wishes to participate in the increased eligible maximum to adopt a resolution authorizing such an increase; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Irvington finds it in the public interest to adopt a resolution pursuant to Chapter 202 of the Laws of 2002 increasing the amount of

income that senior citizens can receive to the maximum allowable amount provided for in such Chapter:

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Irvington hereby increases the maximum base amount of income that Senior Citizens residing in owner-occupied residences can receive, from a maximum base amount of \$20,500 to \$21,500 as authorized by Chapter 202 of the laws of 2002, wherein the State Legislature amended Section 467 (3) (a) to provide for such increase with a sliding scale thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such maximum base amount of \$21,500 authorized for owner-occupiers pursuant to Section 467 (3) (a) of the Real Property Tax Law shall be used in the sliding scale provided for as follows:

<u>Income Level</u>	<u>Percentage Of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation</u>
Up to \$21,500	50%
\$21,501 to \$22,499	45%
\$22,500 to \$23,499	40%
\$23,500 to \$24,499	35%
\$24,500 to \$25,399	30%
\$25,400 to \$26,299	25%
\$26,300 to \$27,199	20%
\$27,200 to \$28,099	15%
\$28,100 to \$28,999	10%
\$29,000 to \$29,899	5%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution authorizing increases pursuant to the authority of Chapter 202 of the Laws of 2002 shall take effect immediately and abatements granted thereunder shall apply as of the Village of Irvington taxable status date of January 1, 2003.

Trustee Beeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Trustee Derby announced the resignation of Superintendent of Public Works Robert Mascianica effective January 24, 2003.

Trustee Milano discussed Recreation Department activities including the upcoming winter program registration, youth football dinner, the roller skating program, parents night out, and the activities of the Senior Citizens. She also reported on upcoming events in the Theater and the film shown at a recent Community Advisory Board meeting.

Trustee Beeney reported on the Irvington Police Department’s joint task force activities and the D.A.R.E. program status. He also reported on the crime statistics for 2002. Trustee Beeney also reported on progress regarding the final review of the Comprehensive Plan.

Deputy Administrator Donald Marra reported that the Village had been awarded \$60,000 for the purchase of a replacement Senior Citizen bus from Westchester County Community Development Block Grant funds. He thanked Clerk-Treasurer Lawrence Schopfer and Superintendent of Parks & Recreation Joseph Archino for their help during the grant process.

Clerk-Treasurer Lawrence Schopfer requested a resolution establishing the polling places and hours for the upcoming Village election. Trustee Beeney made a motion to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the polling places and hours for polling for the March 18, 2003 Village Election are hereby established as follows: District 8 - Recreation Center, 71 Main Street; District 9 - Village Hall, 85 Main Street; District 10 - Immaculate Conception Church, North Broadway; District 11 - Ardsley-on-Hudson Railroad Station, Ardsley Avenue West; District 60 - Immaculate Conception Church, North Broadway; District 79 - Ardsley-on-Hudson Railroad Station, Ardsley Avenue West; District 81 - Ardsley-on-Hudson Railroad Station, Ardsley Avenue West. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Trustee Milano seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Lawrence Schopfer requested a resolution establishing the mileage reimbursement rate for business use of personal vehicles. Trustee Milano made a motion to

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adopt a resolution setting such rate at \$0.36 for 2003. The motion was seconded by Trustee Beeney and unanimously approved.

Trustee Beeney made a motion for the Board to adjourn to executive session to take up legal and personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Milano and unanimously approved.

Upon reconvening after executive session, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Lawrence S. Schopfer, Clerk-Treasurer

Attachments